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April 30, 2003

Ms. Jaya Zyman-Ponebshek
URS Corporation
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Austin, TX 78720-1088

Re: Edwards Aquifer, Medina County
NAME OF PROJECT: STB Finance Docket No. 34284, Southwest Gulf Railroad Company
Rail line construction project; From Vulcan Materials Company limestone quarry to Union
Pacific Company rail line; near Dunlay, Texas
TYPE OF PLAN: Request for Preliminary Comments

Dear Ms. Zyman-Ponebshek:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has completed its preliminary review of the proposed rail line construction project for the referenced project submitted to the San Antonio Regional Office by Victor Rutson on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board on April 1, 2003. Based on this preliminary review it appears that a portion of the project may take place within the boundary of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. We were not able to make a precise determination of the portion of the project affected using the one map provided. If the project does indeed fall within the designated boundaries of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone then any construction related activities, including construction of roads, highways, or railroads, is regulated under Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 213 Edwards Aquifer Rules. These rules are administered by the TCEQ and plans for regulated activities in Median County are reviewed by staff in the San Antonio Regional Office.

Information on the rules, forms required, maps, etc. pertaining to this program can be found at our web site, www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/EAPP/index.html.

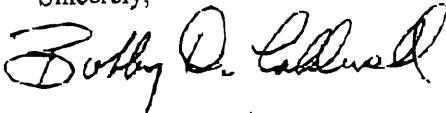
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact John Mauser of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program of the San Antonio Regional Office at (210) 490-3096.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Greg Ellis, Edwards Aquifer Authority
Ms. Luana Buckner, Medina County Underground Water Conservation District
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